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COUNTRY <u>Polish-occupied Germany (Silesia)</u>	REPORT <u>[redacted]</u>
TOPIC <u>Polish unit in Beuthen</u>	50X1
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EVALUATION <u>[redacted]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[redacted]</u>
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1. Some cantonment buildings of Beuthen PW Camp No 6/VI, east of the Karsten-Zentrum mine, were converted into quarters for Polish troops in the first half of 1949.
  2. These cantonment buildings have been occupied by Polish troops since September 1949. The troops were of the 1920 through 1928 classes. [redacted] all were inducted in the summer of 1949 and trained at a troop training grounds near Poznan (P 53/X 26) before being assigned to Beuthen. The EM were to be assigned to work in the Karsten-Zentrum mine. 50X1-HUM
  3. The unit was about company strength, and was armed with rifles. Some officers observed in the company area wore red epaulets. 50X1-HUM
  4. [redacted] they were serving reluctantly; at least 50 percent were anti-Communist and an even higher percentage anti-soviet. Large sections of the Polish Army would be unreliable in case of war with the Western Powers. 50X1-HUM
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- Various Polish troop units were [redacted] employed in mining work in the Upper Silesian coal mining district. [redacted] Personnel of these units were 22 to 30 years old, inducted in the summer of 1949 and badly armed. Only rifles were observed with the units. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] the  
troops reported on may have been LP (Sluzba Polska - Labor Service)  
units. This assumption has not been verified. The units  
reported are elements of the army, presumably unreliable sol-  
diers receiving but little military training and doing mainly  
mining throughout their service.

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